standards for single use disposable syringes, its lebel cautions the consumers that the syringes should be used only once. Similarly, saline bottle cannot be racycled as per law.

Non-Availability of Life Saving Drugs in CGHS Dispensary at Subji Mandi

2792. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage and even non-availability of certain life saving drugs in the CGHS dispensary, Sabji Mandi Delhi;

(b) whether Government have carried out any survey of the various CGHS dispensaries in the city to know the overall conditions and the availability of essential medicines;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what measures have been taken to equip the CGHS dispensaries with adequate stock of essential medicines and to ensure continuity of supply?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There was some shortage of medicines in the recent past.

(b) and (c) Inspections have generally revealed that the overall condition is satisfactory and that most of the essential medicines are available.

(d) The measures taken to improve availability of medicines include placing of indents at regular intervels to Medical Store Depot, Delhi; procurement of non-available medicines from local authorised chemists.

Research on Population Problems

2793. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for research in regard to control the population problem in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of research presently being carried in different institutes in the country and its outcome;

(c) whether Government propose any long term policy regarding research on population problem and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The amount spent on Family Welfare Research during the last three years is as follows:

1991-92	785.00 lakhs
1992-93	732.00 lakhs
1993-94	732.00 lakhs

In addition National Institute of Health and F.W. has spent a sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs on research during the last three years.

(b) The research presently being carried out by different institutes is an under:

1. *Indian Council of Medical Research:*

(i) Phase-III clinical trial with Norplant-I at 10 Human Reproduction Research Centres attached to Medical Colleges.

(ii) Pre introductory lagistic study for injectable (DMPA) Depot Medroxy Progestrone Acetate.

(iii) Ongoing study on utilisation of IUD (Copper-T 200-B and 380-A)/Oral pills at 62 B and C type Post Patrum Centres.

(iv) Preliminary studies are ongoing with Inhibin, Peptides, Vit. carrier protien, human Follicle Stimulating Hormone, antisperm anti-bodies, early pregnancy